

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present patent application based on the foregoing amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

By this Amendment, claims 6, 7, 10, 12, and 13 are amended, claim 14 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein and claim 15 is newly added. Claim 13 has been amended to include the features of claim 14. Support for new claim 15 may be found, for example, in FIGS. 1-4, and in pages 3-6 of the specification. No new matter has been added. After entry of this Amendment, claims 1-13 and 15 will remain pending in the patent application.

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 as the amendments:

(a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not present any new issues that would require further consideration and/or search as the amendments merely amplify issues discussed throughout the prosecution; (c) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of claims; and (d) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. Entry of the Amendment is thus respectfully requested.

Before addressing the specific rejection by the Examiner, Applicant respectfully points out that claims 6, 7, 10, and 12 have been amended to address minor grammatical inconsistencies. In making these changes, which were not necessitated by any action on the part of the Examiner, Applicant respectfully submits that the respective scope of the claims is intentionally at least as broad as previously presented. In other words, Applicant does not intend for these changes to be narrowing such that the changes will diminish the respective scope of claims 6, 7, 10, and 12, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant would like to express appreciation for the Examiner's indication that claims 1-12 are allowed.

II. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 based on Finnemore *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,246,311) ("Finnemore"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 13 is patentable over Finnemore at least because this claim recites a noise suppressor unit for a power source module comprising, *inter alia*, a circuit board base configured to be positioned on a circuit board, and a place for lifting means to grab the noise suppressor unit, the place being located at the middle opening of the toroid, on the surface of the circuit board base.

Finnemore does not disclose a unit including this feature. Finnemore discloses a transformer mounted directly on a top surface of a printed circuit board. (See col. 2, lines 66-67). Finnemore is, however, silent about a circuit board base, and a place, located on the circuit board base, on which lifting means can be positioned. Therefore, Finnemore does not disclose each and every feature recited by claim 13 and, as a result, cannot anticipate this claim. Claim 14 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thus rendering moot the rejection of claim 14.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102 based on Finnemore are respectfully requested.

III. New Claim 15

Claim 15 is newly added. Claim 15 is patentable over Finnemore at least because this claim recites a noise suppressor unit comprising, *inter alia*, an intermediary connecting base on which the toroid is positioned, the intermediary connecting base being configured to connect the toroid to a circuit board, wherein the intermediary connecting base includes a surface portion located at the middle of the toroid, the surface portion and the toroid being dimensioned so as to allow a lifting unit to grab the noise suppressor unit. Finnemore does not disclose a unit including these features. In Finnemore, the coil is directly connected to the circuit board. (See FIGS. 1-3 and col. 2, lines 66-67 and col. 3, lines 61-65). Finnemore is silent about an intermediary connecting base, on which the coil is positioned, and which is configured to connect the coil to the circuit board. In addition, Finnemore is silent about a surface portion, located on the intermediary connecting base, and a coil that are dimensioned so as to allow a lifting unit to grab the noise suppressor unit. For at least these reasons, claim 15 is patentable over Finnemore. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 15 is in condition for allowance.

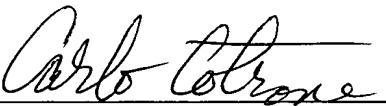
IV. Conclusion

The rejection having been addressed, Applicant requests issuance of a notice of allowance indicating the allowability of all pending claims. If anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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